



EXHIBIT A
LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS AND AMENDMENTS
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Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended)

1. A cover for allowing a drinking opening in beverage container assembly that has been manually filled with hot beverages by a server, where the beverage container assembly comprises a cup and a lid, where the lid defines ~~an~~ a curved upper wall extending around a perimeter of the lid, a recessed portion arranged radially inwardly from the upper wall, ~~and the drinking opening, and a positioning surface extending downwardly from the upper wall into the recessed portion adjacent to the drinking opening,~~ where the drinking opening is formed in the upper wall adjacent to the ~~recessed portion~~ positioning surface, the cover comprising:

a substantially planar cover member comprising first and second layers and defining a cover portion, a surrounding cover portion, a tab portion, and a perimeter edge; wherein

an outer edge portion of the perimeter edge opposes an inward edge portion of the perimeter edge, where the inward edge portion of the perimeter edge is inwardly curved to conform to the curvature of the curved upper wall;

the first layer is a structural layer having flexural characteristics that allow the cover member to be transported by applying opposing forces to the outward and inward portions of the perimeter edge of the cover member without substantially deforming the cover member from a substantially planar configuration;

the second layer defines a pressure sensitive adhesive surface adapted to detachably attach the cover member to the lid upon deliberate application of manual force on the cover member; whereby

the cover member is attached to the container assembly in a cover mode by ~~applying a manual pinching force between~~ engaging outer and inner digits

of the server with the outer edge and inward edge portions of the
perimeter edge of the cover member, respectively, to lift the ~~cover~~ cover
member, and bring aligning the curved inward edge portion of the
perimeter edge with the curved upper wall by placing the outer digit
against the positioning surface, and bringing the surrounding cover portion
of the cover member into contact with the upper wall of the raised portion
of the lid such that the adhesive surface on the surrounding cover portion
of the cover member adheres to the lid, where
the surrounding cover portion extends completely around the drinking
opening,
the cover portion extends over the drinking opening, and
at least a portion of the tab portion of the cover member extends radially
outwardly into free space from the upper wall of the lid; and
the cover is detached from the container assembly by applying deliberate manual
force to the tab portion of the cover member that extends into free space
to overcome the adhesion of the second layer of the cover member to the
lid.

Claim 2 (original)

2. A cover as recited in claim 1, in which the flexural characteristics of the first layer of the cover member include a deflection value of substantially between 0.0 and 1.2 inches.

Claim 3 (original)

3. A cover as recited in claim 1, in which the flexural characteristics of the first layer of the cover member include a deflection value of substantially between 0.2 and 0.8 inches.

Claim 4 (original)

4. A cover as recited in claim 1, in which:
the surrounding cover portion of the cover member comprises first, second, third,
and fourth portions;
the first and second portions are arranged on opposing sides of the cover
portion;
the third and fourth portions are arranged on opposing sides of the cover portion;
the first and second portions of the surrounding cover portion extend from the
covering portion a first distance;
the third and fourth portions of the surrounding cover portion extend from the
covering portion a second distance; and
the first distance is substantially less than the second distance.

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (previously presented)

7. A cover as recited in claim 1, in which:
the inward edge portion of the perimeter edge extends from the covering portion
a first distance;
the outer edge portion of the perimeter edge extends from the covering portion a
second distance; and
the first distance is substantially less than the second distance.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (previously presented)

9. A cover as recited in claim 7, in which the outer edge portion is defined by the tab portion of the cover member.

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended)

11. A method of serving a beverage comprising the steps of:
providing a beverage container assembly comprises a cup and a lid, where the lid defines a drinking opening and comprises ~~an~~ a curved upper wall extending around a perimeter of the lid, an alignment wall, and a recessed portion, and a positioning surface extending downwardly from the upper wall into the recessed portion adjacent to the drinking opening, where drinking opening is formed in the upper wall and the ~~recessed portion~~ positioning surface is adjacent to the drinking opening;
filling the beverage container assembly with a hot beverage;
providing a substantially planar cover member comprising first and second layers and defining a cover portion, a surrounding cover portion, a tab portion, and a perimeter edge, where
the perimeter edge defines an outer edge portion and an inward edge portion curved to conform to the curvature of the curved upper wall,
where outer edge portion opposes the inward edge portion;
the first layer is a structural layer having flexural characteristics that allow the cover member to be transported by engaging the outer and inward edge portions of the perimeter edge of the cover member

without substantially deforming the cover member from a substantially planar configuration;

the second layer defines a pressure sensitive adhesive surface adapted to detachably attach the cover member to the lid upon application of deliberate manual force on the cover member; whereby attaching the cover member to the container assembly in a cover mode by engaging the opposing outer and inner edge portions of the cover member with outer and inner digits, respectively, and applying manual pinching forces to the outer edge and inward edge portions to lift the cover member and bring, aligning the curved inward edge portion of the perimeter edge with the curved upper wall by placing the inner digit against the positioning surface, and bringing the cover member into contact with the upper wall of the raised portion of the lid such that the adhesive surface on the surrounding cover portion of the cover member adheres the cover member to the lid, the surrounding cover portion extends completely around the drinking opening, the cover portion extends over the drinking opening, and at least a portion of the tab portion of the cover member extends radially outwardly into free space from the upper wall of the lid; and applying deliberate manual force to the tab portion of the cover member that extends into free space to overcome the adhesion of the second layer of the cover member to the lid and thereby detach the cover from the container assembly to allow the beverage to be drunk through the drinking opening.

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (original)

15. A method as recited in claim 14, further comprising the step of re-attaching the cover member to the container assembly in the cover mode.

Claim 16 (original)

16. A method as recited in claim 11, in which the step of providing the cover member further comprises the steps of:
providing a substrate material; and
arranging a plurality of cover members on the substrate material; and
removing one of the cover members from the substrate material.

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (canceled)